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Chamundi Hill to get new stone stairway

To connect Chamundeshwari Temple from Uthanahalli side

The new stone stairway from Uthanahalli side will start from this spot and connect Mahabaleshwara Temple near Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Hill.

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&BCT)- Very soon you can climb the iconic Chamundi Hill from Uthanahalli side where an old path existed during the reign of Wadiyars. The stone stairway is at present closed. Once the steps are ready, devotees who come from Bengaluru reach the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Hill from Uthanahalli side.

The Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowment Department (Muzrai Department) has chalked out the project of building a stone stairway on the eastern side of Chamundi Hill. The existing stairway has 1,008 steps and it starts from Suttur Mutt at the foot of the Hill. Once constructed, the new stone stairway will have 1,034 steps.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, N. Raghu, Assistant Engineer (AE), Public Works Department (PWD), said that the project is worth Rs. 99.5 lakh and the money will be released from the Temple funds and the works will be undertaken by the PWD. The proposal has been prepared and once approved, tender will be called for the works, he added.

The works on stone stairway will be taken up in two phases — one from Uthanahalli Junction to the Chamundeshwari Temple (the steps will link Mahabaleshwara Temple near Nayakara Beedhi) atop the Hill and two from Uthanahalli to the foothill. The total length of the stairway will be 625 metres and will have a height of 155 metres.

"We have sent the proposal to build uniform steps of six inch standard height. The existing stairway has the step height of 8 inch to 10 inches and sometimes it is difficult for the elderly persons to walk. The 6-inch high steps are easy to climb. This is why the number of steps has increased to 1,034," he explained.

(See STAIRWAY on page 7)

Bus strike enters third day: Talks end abruptly

Taxis make a killing by charging up to Rs. 2,000 per head for a drop to Bengaluru

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&DM)- The snap strike launched by KSRTC workers seeking Government employee status entered the third day today and today too not a single bus moved onto the roads from various depots in city.

City and Sub-Urban Bus Stands wore a deserted look while the Sub-Urban Bus Stand had a few passengers who were seen waiting for Kerala State Transport Corporation and Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation buses which plied as usual. Passengers who had booked tickets in KSRTC buses to other parts of the State reached the Bus Stand only to find services affected.

The major demands of the protesters are that they be brought under the Government's payroll and be provided the same privileges and incentives as Government employees. They have also sought compensation of Rs. 30 lakh to transport workers who died on COVID duty.

With no solution in sight, passengers who are severely inconvenienced were put to a lot of hardship. Private buses, taxis, autos and other passenger transport vehicles are making a kill charging exorbitant fares from passengers.

Today, a good number of private buses, mini buses, taxis, cabs and even autos lined up before the KSRTC Bus Stands to pick up waiting passengers.

For a drop to Bengaluru, buses and taxis were seen charging anywhere between Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000 per head. Autorickshaw drivers, who usually operate within the city limits, were seen ferrying passengers to destinations such as Mandya, Bannur and Nanjangud.

(See STRIKE on page 7)

No New Year's Eve bash in city this year

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (RK&BCT)- To curb the spread of novel Coronavirus, the City Police has imposed restrictions on crowd movement and mass gathering.

"New Year's Eve revelry on Dec. 31 night would not be allowed in public places especially in the downtown, to contain COVID-19. Hotels, resorts, clubs must note that there will not be any opportunity to have a DJ at the venue and have hundreds of people inside for partying," Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) - Law and Order, Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said.

Even partying public must realise that the celebrations come at a time of pandemic and enough precautions must be taken to prevent disease spread.

A file photo

Dr. Prakash Gowda

"We need to take precautionary measures and follow COVID guidelines. During New Year celebrations, we see a large number of people gather. If such crowds are permitted, it will be difficult to impose guidelines like social distancing and wearing of masks," he said and added that the Police will beef up security and keep a vigil on partying and celebration venue so that rules are not violated.

As per the guidelines issued by the Central and State Governments, for Christmas and New Year, a gathering of more than 200 persons at one place is banned, even for Christmas Mass. "People must gather at Churches in limited numbers and head home soon after the prayers.

Church managements must ensure that guidelines have to be adhered to. Though new guidelines have not come from the Government for Christmas and New Year, the existing guidelines have to be followed," the DCP said.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 13th December 2020

MyBuild-20 Virtual Exhibition a big hit

25,000 people from India, abroad take a look at the stalls

Mysuru, Dec. 13- The on-going MyBuild-20 Virtual Exhibition that began at Mysuru Builders Charitable Trust auditorium at Vishweshwaranagar in city is a big hit among netizens. It is a flagship event of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre that displays construction materials, interiors and lifestyles.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, BAI Chairman M. Rathnaraj said that till last evening, more than 25,000 people had visited the virtual exhibition. "We have had excellent response and we have had visitors from not only India but also abroad too. Sustained publicity campaigns have helped," he said.

Visitors are clicking on the website and they are going to their choice of stalls where a chat box is open. "We have a lot of enquiries and many of the exhibitors like Manasa Developers, GSS properties and Srinidhi Icon Square have had interactions and leads from the clients," he added.

The exhibition is beneficial to architects, engineers, building contractors, manufacturers of construction materials and equipment, interior designers, property developers, civil engineering students and landscape designers.

BAI is holding such exhibitions under the banner MyBuild since the last 20 years. Such exhibitions have been benefitting all those who are constructing or planning to construct their house as it will give them an idea about the available materials to be used and the latest innovation in the field.

This year, the event is being held from Dec. 9 to 14. As there are a lot of restrictions on physical exhibition due to Coronavirus pandemic, this year, for the first time in the history of MyBuild as well as Mysuru city, the event is being held virtually.

The valedictory function will be held on Dec. 14 at 5 pm and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha will be the chief guest. The exhibition can be visited by clicking web link *www.mybuildvirtual.com* or just by giving a missed call on 07949-130435.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The pursuit of happiness has a different dimension and involves conscious choices. It is not a rat race for money, achievement or power. Swami Rama Tirtha said, "Your only duty in life is to be happy." We often end up doing everything else except be happy. Happiness is contagious. A person bursting with good spirits touches people with his joyful glow. It could be a street sweeper cheerfully greeting morning walkers or a waiter making people laugh with his witty exchanges as he serves them. On the other hand, a stressed-out executive spreads gloom around him. People quietly walk away from the despondent vibes he exudes.

Happiness draws us to a higher purpose. Our brains are wired to seek people, situations and events that bring joy, cheer and happiness. Joyful people are fun to be with. They work better and are more generous — with their money, time and their enthusiasm. They give of themselves in every way. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go out and do it. When you identify your core interest or talent, life changes. Every day you jump out of bed looking forward to one more fun day, working on something you are passionate about. Develop the attitude of giving, sharing, adding value to others. Shift from grabbing to serving, from profiteering to offering. When you give, you gain. Think of taking and you get impoverished. All givers are happy.

—Jaya Row in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

7-year-old deadlifts 80Kg, can be strongest kid ever

Toronto: A 7-year-old Canadian gymnast, has been raising eyebrows with her weightlifting achievements, recently becoming the youngest under-11 and under-13s US Youth National Champion in history. Rory van Ulft took up weightlifting about two years ago, as a way of becoming stronger. She had started doing gymnastics but learned that she could get injured doing certain things, if she wasn't strong enough. She started lifting weights in the snatch and the clean and jerk styles, under the careful supervision of a trainer and gradually developed her strength to the point that she now lifts weights that some adults would probably struggle with. She can snatch 32 kg, clean and jerk 42 kg, as well as squat 61 kg, and deadlift 80 kg using an Olympic women's bar.

Woman sues boyfriend for not proposing

Ndola: A 26-year-old woman from Zambia recently made international news for allegedly taking her boyfriend to court because he "wasted her time" by failing to propose after an eight-year relationship. Tired of waiting for her partner to pop the big question, Gertrude Ngoma decided to take him to court, as a way of forcing his hand. The woman from Ndola, Zambia's second largest city, claims Herbert Salaliki, 28, promised to marry her, and even paid the lobola (a traditional dowry) to her parents, as a sign that he will take care of her, but has since been putting it off.

Despite having a baby together, the two have never even lived together, with Gertrude remaining in her parents' house. Now she is demanding that Herbert make a decision about their future.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Kavya J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Mysuru

Positive cases yesterday	:	59
Total positive cases	:	51,371
Discharges yesterday	:	39
Total discharges	:	49,993
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,003
Total active cases	:	375

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	25
Total positive cases	:	19,024
Total discharges	:	18,611
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	266

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	20
Total positive cases	:	6,535
Total discharges	:	6,298
Total deaths	:	116
Total active cases	:	110

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	19
Total positive cases	:	5,441
Total discharges	:	5,292
Total deaths	:	68
Total active cases	:	81

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	26
Total positive cases	:	27,509
Total discharges	:	26,742
Total deaths	:	387
Total active cases	:	380

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Police: *Are you married?*
Santa: *Yes, with a woman.*
Police (angrily): *Of course! Did you ever hear of anyone marrying a man?*
Santa: *Yes, my sister did !!*

[Contributed by SOM reader G.R. Abhijith Koundinya]

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.65
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.41
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.05
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.20

VOICE OF THE READER

Stray dog menace in residential areas

Sir,

The number of stray dogs in residential areas of Mysuru have significantly increased. It is very dangerous when they chase people on bikes. Since the schools are shut down, children are always on roads playing. It frightens me looking at the number of dogs around children on the road.

Also, a pack of dogs start barking at around midnight and create utter nuisance. Elders in the neighbourhood have complained about this menace. Hence, I urge the MCC authorities to take necessary action to control the stray dog population in residential areas and protect the citizens from dog bite.

—N.R. Gururaj

Mysuru
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Brahmin Development Board invites applications for student scholarship

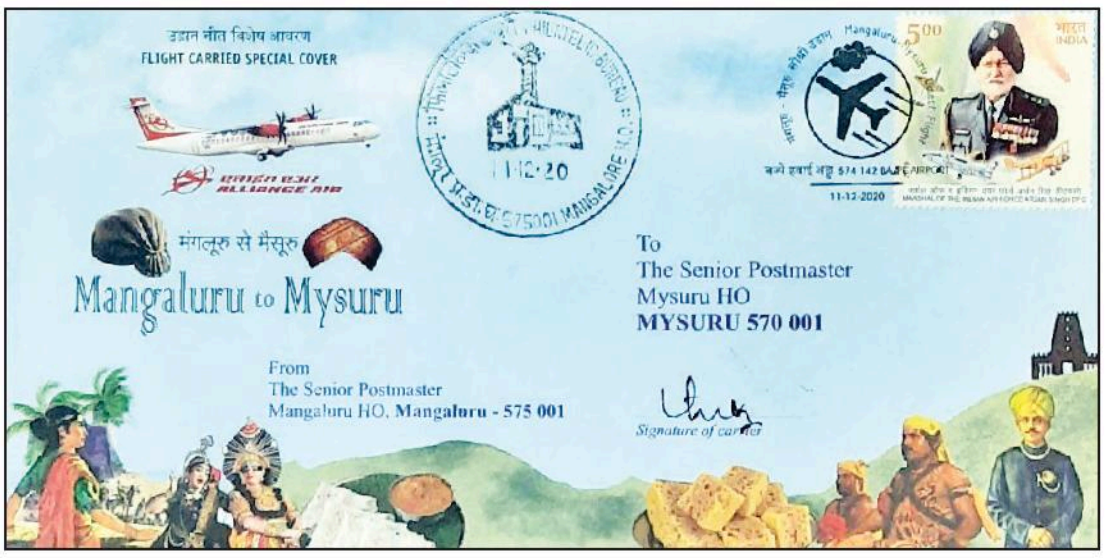
Mysuru, Dec. 13- The Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board has invited applications from eligible community students for availing student scholarships under the Board's Saandeepani Shishyavetana Yojane.

Presiding over the Pratibha Puraskar programme for Brahmin community students of five districts (Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu) organised at GSSS Educational Institutions at Siddarthanagar here yesterday,

H.S. Sachidananda Murthy

Board Chairman H.S. Sachidananda Murthy said that Brahmin students studying in classes from PUC to Post-Graduate degree can apply. Under the scheme, each beneficiary student will get Rs. 15,000 scholarship. The applicant must have an EWS (Economically Weaker Section) certificate issued by the Government. The eligible community students can apply from tomorrow (Dec.14) till Jan. 15, 2021, he said. Thereafter, all the applications received will be scrutinised till Jan. 21, following which the Scholarship will be distributed to the deserving applicants, he added.

Special postal cover flies to and fro Mysuru-Mangaluru in just 3 hours



Special postal cover that arrived from Mangaluru to Mysuru in inaugural flight of Alliance Air on Friday.

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (BCT)- The inaugural flight of Alliance Air between Mysuru and Mangaluru from the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli on Dec. 11 was witness to a special moment.

The flight operation itself was special as the flight will cater to the travel needs of many Mangalureans living in Mysuru and many Mysureans living in Mangaluru. The special moment was when India Post released flight special covers. While one special cover was taken from Mysuru to Mangaluru, another cover was taken back in the return flight. The front of the special cover from Mysuru to Mangaluru had the pictures of Mahishasura and of Yakshagana artiste. Incidentally, Mysuru has the Mahishasura statue atop Chamundi Hill and Mangaluru is famous for Yakshagana. The postal cover was addressed to Senior Post Master, Mangaluru Head Office.

The front cover of the special cover in the return flight had pictures of "Muttale" — the traditional headgear prepared out of arecanut leaves — and of "Mysuru Peta." This cover was addressed to Senior Post Master, Mysuru Head Office from his counterpart in Mangaluru.

The "Flight Carried Special Cover" was carried by ASP Rajukaleshwar who travelled from Mysuru to Mangaluru with the cover from Mysuru. After handing over the cover to Mangaluru Head Office, Rajukaleshwar travelled back to Mysuru with the postal cover from Mangaluru. The total travel time to and fro Mysuru-Mangaluru was just three hours.

The postal cover put in a special bag being handed over to ASP Rajukaleshwar by Alliance Air CEO Harpreet Singh and Senior Post Master - Mysuru Circle A.K. Nayak in the presence of Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha on Friday, which was carried to Mangaluru by inaugural flight of Alliance Air.

The special postal cover that was sent by air from Mysuru to Mangaluru being received at the Office of the Department of Posts, Mangaluru Division, in Mangaluru, on Friday.

The postal cover had the date stamps from both Mangaluru and Mysuru Head Post Offices, pictorial cancellation (a postmark, which shows replica / photo / design or a picture highlighting a tourist, religious, historical or an important place or thing) and Rajukaleshwar's signature.

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The flight special covers are released as part of promotion of philately activity. Each of the special covers costs Rs. 100. Limited quantity of these covers are available for sale at the Philately Bureau of the Mysuru Head Post Office, the press release said.

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A "PENSION ADALAT" is scheduled to be held at 11:00 to 13:00 hrs on 23rd December 2020 (Wednesday) at BARC, Mysuru, New Entry Portal, Yelwal, Mysuru – 571130 to consider and redress grievances of BARC, Mysuru pensioners and family pensioners. Grievances pertaining to Pensionary benefits would be considered in the Adalat. Grievances already settled/replied/under litigation or involving purely legal points e.g. succession and policy matters will not be considered. BARC, Mysuru pensioners and family pensioners may send their grievances if any, in the prescribed format to Smt. Usha Venkatesh N. Accounts Officer on email at aormp@barc.gov.in or by post at the above address in an envelope superscribed "PENSION ADALAT". Grievances received in BARC, Mysuru by 21.12.2020 shall be considered. Grievance Registration Form is available in the BARC website www.barc.gov.in.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Digital Lecture Prog.

As part of JSS Vidyapeetha's Jnana Varidhi Weekly Digital Lecture Series, noted Cardiologist from Bengaluru Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri will deliver a virtual talk on 'Health and Culture' at 6 pm tomorrow. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. The lecture can be heard by accessing the following links - Youtube — http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline or https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP or http://jssonline.org. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548211/2548212.

Deepotsava

As part of Karthika Amavasya puja celebrations, Kyathamaranahalli villagers have organised Deepotsava at Huliyamma and Mahadeshwara Swamy temple premises on Dec. 14 from 5 pm to 9 pm. Limited number of persons will be allowed and COVID-19 protocol will be followed strictly, according to a release.

HOPCOMS: Virtual Meeting

The District Horticulture Producers Marketing and Processing Co-Operative Society Ltd., (HOPCOMS) Mysuru, will be holding its General Body Meeting for the year 2019-20 through video conferencing on Dec. 24 from 11 am to 2 pm. Special Officer of the society Bharath Kumar will preside. Members are requested to logon to www.dreamswebinar.com/hopcomsmys to participate in the meeting, according to a release.

Vocational Training

Paul Harris Vocational Training Centre of Rotary Mysore West will be conducting a six-month training in tailoring, beautician, fashion designing, paper and cloth bags making, Spoken English and computer training to women and girls who have dropped out of schools and colleges. For details, call Mob: 86182-28610/80737-30781.

Lecture on GST

Bhavani Associates has organised a lecture on the new GST (Goods and Services Tax) structure that will come into effect from Jan.1, 2021, at 2pm on Dec.17 at Rani Bahadur auditorium, Manasagangothri. Noted Auditor from Bengaluru Venugopal Gella will deliver a talk. For details, call Mob: 98451-20429.

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Crime Prevention Month

Ashokapuram Police hold bicycle rally to create awareness among public

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (SPN&KS)- As part of Crime Prevention Month programme, Ashokapuram Police, on Friday evening held a bicycle rally and created awareness on law and order among the public in city.

The rally was flagged off by KR Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi at the MCC Zone-2 Office at Jayanagar. Rallyists, carrying placards with messages on crime prevention, passed through New Kantharaj Urs Road, A.C. Giri Road, Aravinda Nagar, Srirampura and prominent roads of Kuvempunagar.

Speaking to media persons after flagging off the bicycle rally, ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi urged the public to inform the beat Police if they come across any criminal activities in their surroundings, which would help the Police to prevent any crime from taking place.

He also urged them (public) to inform the nearest Police Station if they find any unidentified people moving around their house or in the locality in a suspicious manner, asked house owners to collect complete details of tenants before giving their house on rent, inform the jurisdictional Police if they are going out of station and advised women not to display jewels while going out of the house.

Inspector P.S. Prakash and staff took part in the bicycle rally.

From Jan. 1, 2021, inform your bank or large cheques will bounce

New Delhi, Dec. 13 - From Jan. 1, 2021, your cheque of a larger amount of Rs 50,000 and above will bounce unless you intimate your bank in advance on drawing up such a cheque. The new system introduces a double check on the cheque transactions.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last week announced a new "Positive Pay" system for Cheque Truncation System (CTS) to prevent fraudsters emptying your bank account with fake cheques or tampering of your cheque leaves. The scheme involves a process of reconfirming key details of large value cheques.

If you are issuing a larger amount cheque, you are required to inform your bank about it electronically through channels like SMS, mobile app, Internet Banking, ATM, etc., providing certain minimum details of that cheque like date, name of the beneficiary, payee and amounts.

These details will be cross-checked when the cheque is presented for payment in the CTS. Any discrepancy will be immediately flagged by CTS to the drawee bank and presenting bank, who would take redressal measures. The RBI advisory asks banks to make it mandatory in case of cheques for amounts of Rs 5 lakh and above.

Only those cheques that are compliant with the instructions will be accepted at the CTS grids. Banks have been advised to implement similar arrangements for cheques cleared and collected outside CTS.

Obituary

Jayamma

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Jayamma (85), wife of late K.S. Sannaswamy Shetty and a resident of K.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind son Ln. K.S. Virupaksha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this noon, according to family sources.

Huge loss in business

PLD Bank Director commits suicide

Tejas Gowda

K.R. Pet, Dec. 13- Depressed over huge loss in business, a 33-year-old man committed suicide by consuming poison at Valagere Menasa village in the taluk of Mandya district on Saturday.

The deceased is Tejas Gowda, Director of Taluk PLD Bank and a BJP leader, who was running a hi-tech Ragi Flour Mill and supplying ragi flour across the State.

Tejas Gowda had established a large scale hi-tech Ragi Flour Mill at Valagere Menasa village, where he used to purchase ragi from farmers, process it and used to supply loads of ragi flour to Bengaluru among other places in the State.

Following COVID-19 lockdown, Tejas Gowda is said to have suffered huge losses and depressed over this he allegedly consumed poison on Saturday at the village. Though he was being rushed to a hospital in Mysuru, he is said to have breathed his last midway.

He leaves behind his parents, wife, daughter and son. A case has been registered at K.R. Pet Town Police Station.

Car accident by minor boy

Assistant Sales Manager of car company booked

The deceased family members

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (KS)- Following an accident where a minor boy who was behind the wheels of a car that rammed into a bike killing three persons of a family on Dec. 10 night, a FIR has been registered by NR Traffic Police against an Assistant Sales Manager of a car company located at Hinkal in city, said DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna.

A case has been registered against the Assistant Sales Manager of Volkswagen car company on charges of allowing a minor boy to drive the car. The Assistant Sales Manager is accused of giving the car, which he had brought to give trial to customers to his son to drive, which resulted in the minor boy allegedly ramming the car into the bike coming from the opposite direction near Dandi Maramma Temple on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway killing three persons of a family on Thursday night.

Mandya Panchayat elections fought in the mosaic of caste, party, local dynamics

- Certain Panchayat seats 'auctioned' for a price
- Arali Katte, hotels become centres for parleys
- After LS polls, Congress and JD(S) rivals again
- Village elders intervene in fight between aspirants

Mandya, Dec. 13 (MKM& BCT)- Election to the local Government on the basis of symbols of political parties is not held as political parties adversely affect the social cohesion that is required for development.

But of late, the Gram Panchayat (GP) polls are leading to divisions within the community on party lines, with hatred, criminalisation and segregation emerging between castes and classes — hampering local governance and development.

Mandya is the best example for a divided society where caste-based politics rule the roost at every level, be it Lok Sabha (LS) or Panchayat elections.

On a positive side, elections are treated as a festival in Mandya — a Vokkaliga heartland — but the inner divisions are quite evident in every election. Remember it is the same set of people who come together when it comes to the issue of Cauvery waters.

The core agrarian district — fondly called the 'Sugar Bowl' in Old Mysore region — is not so sweet during election season as they are fought bitterly irrespective of their importance.

As mentioned earlier, though GP elections are not fought on party symbols, they are indicators of grassroots level reach of political parties — it is a region where Congress and JD(S) have been the only two players but now the BJP has made inroads, eating into their vote share.

Auctions of GP seats

GP elections are held in two phases in Mandya and filing of nominations for the first phase has already ended. In many villages, elders are grouping together and 'auction' the GP memberships for lakhs of rupees and the memberships are open for purchase by any political party. Some village elders are preventing others from contesting by means of intimidation.

Recently at Bidirakere village of Lalanakere GP, coming under Nagamangala taluk, the Panchayat memberships were 'auctioned' for lakhs of rupees. A Police case has been booked against 42 persons by Bandi Gavinele Police for calling a meeting to 'auction' the posts. After the incident, officers visited the village and warned the villagers not to indulge in such practices.

Even a village in Koppa GP was ready to 'auction' a seat for Rs. 5 lakh and at Keregodu village, the seat was for sale for any party that paid Rs. 25 lakh. These 'auction' processes were abandoned after the Election Officers and Police got a whiff of it.

These days in Mandya villages, election related conversations are concentrated at the traditional Arali Katte, barber shops, hotels, street corners and tea stalls. Typically, the village elders call a meeting at the Arali Katte and candidates are selected based on the feedback by villagers. Here too fights happen as there is no common opinion or a consensual candidate. Caste, political party (though polls are conducted apolitically), spending power and influence over the village are chief considerations to select a candidate.

Building a base

Even political parties are playing a major role in the elections as they too are suggesting candidates. Information is aired to the village elders, party workers and booth-level party cadres to select a particular candidate who will 'contribute' to the party fortunes in bigger elections. In a way, parties are building their base in villages that will be of help in Assembly and LS polls.

At the same time, there are several aspirants vying for GP seats and it is becoming a headache for parties that are busy in quelling dissidence. In many villages there is a deadlock within the party boundaries where two or three candidates owing allegiance to one party are competing with each other for a single seat. In some villages, the elders are intervening to announce consensus candidates after discussion with warring aspirants.

Amidst this, there are talks of unanimous elections if the candidate is ready to hand over the money — that he intends to spend on elections — for the development of village roads and temples.

Congress, JD(S) rivals again

While BJP has made inroads in many villages, the primary fight is between Congress and the JD(S). The parties — coalition partners in the previous H.D. Kumaraswamy Government — that fought together in Mandya Lok Sabha polls against independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish are once again bitter rivals in the GP polls.

The BJP is contesting in all the 3,797 seats and has declared open rivalry with Congress and JD(S). As the BJP supported Sumalatha in Lok Sabha elections against Nikhil Kumaraswamy (H.D. Kumaraswamy's son), that led to Nikhil biting the dust, the JD(S) and Congress are nervous about the GP election outcome.

The victory of BJP's K.C. Narayanagowda from K.R. Pet Assembly seat — a traditional JD(S) bastion — is also a contributor for the nervousness of Congress and JD(S). Buoyed by the K.R. Pet victory, the BJP is conducting Gram Swarajya conventions to woo voters.

Aspirants bowing before astrologers

Panchayat seat aspirants are making a beeline to astrologer offices seeking a suitable election symbol. The Election Commission has released a set of symbols that can be chosen by the candidates and they have to limit themselves to such symbols to ensure that candidates will not choose frivolous, controversial and communally sensitive symbols.

Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish had used a trumpet as her Lok Sabha election symbol. As she romped home to victory, there is a huge demand for trumpet symbol. At the same time, Congress and JD(S)-backed candidates do not prefer trumpet because of obvious reasons — Cong-JD(S) candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy was trounced with this symbol.

Woman banished from village

In a shocking incident, a woman who filed nomination papers without obtaining consent from village elders was banished from a village. The incident occurred at Nelamakanahalli village where the GP seat is reserved for a General category woman. The village elders were upset as the woman did not take their permission to contest in the elections.

Village near Srirangapatna plans to boycott polls

Team of officials rush to convince Beechanakuppe villagers who are demanding polling booth since previous LS polls

Srirangapatna, Dec. 13 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- Villagers of Beechanakuppe in Srirangapatna Assembly constituency are demanding a new polling booth. This is a long-pending demand and if it is not fulfilled, the villagers have decided to boycott the forthcoming Gram Panchayat (GP) elections.

Learning about the boycott plan, a team led by Tahsildar M.V. Roopa, Taluk Executive Officer Bhyrappa, Sub-Inspector of KRS Police Station Naveen Gowda and Revenue Inspector Umesh rushed to the village yesterday and urged the villagers not to boycott elections.

Beechanakuppe comes under Hulikere Gram Panchayat limits and the villagers had boycotted the last Lok Sabha elections demanding a new polling booth. Later the villagers were convinced to vote by officers and Election Commission representatives.

It is a revenue village and there is no polling booth. But the officers have granted a polling booth to the neighbouring Mulugade village, Hosahundawadi. Beechanakuppe village has not seen an iota of development since the last 35 years and the roads are not asphalted. There is no drainage system and the village is constantly plagued by communicable diseases.

The villagers say that though there were 260 eligible voters, the officers have not established a polling booth at the village. The demand for a polling booth is not a recent one. The villagers are demanding a booth since 2017.

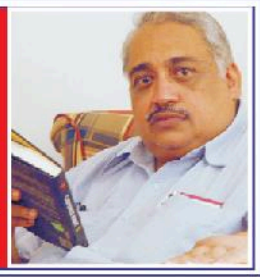
When the villagers decided to boycott the last Mandya Lok Sabha elections, election officers and the Tahsildar visited the village and convinced the villagers to vote. An assurance was given to the villagers that Beechanakuppe would get a polling booth in the next election. But that assurance has not been fulfilled and the villagers are back on protest mode.

However, the official team that visited the village categorically told the villagers that a poll booth cannot be set up urgently. Rather they would inform the higher officers about the demand.

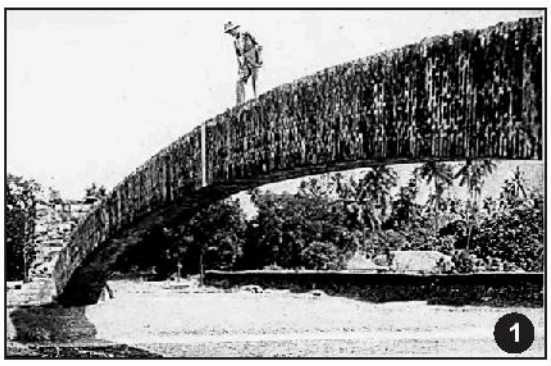
Regarding development of the village, the officials assured them that soon after the Panchayat election, an action plan would be prepared for road, drainage and street-lighting facilities.

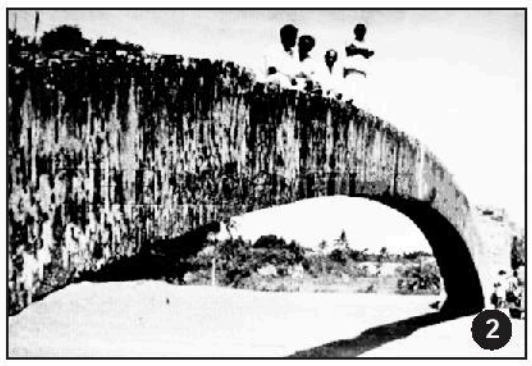
Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



Another forgotten landmark from a bygone era !





PIC. 1: ***The Prince of Wales standing on the arch.*** *PIC. 2:* ***Another view of the arch with people standing on it.*** *PIC. 3:* ***The Prince of Wales and the Maharaja of Mysore at a specially arranged tiger hunt.***

Last week, in my article about the book **'The Colonial Landmarks of Mysuru'** by **Gauri Satya,** my historian friend, I had made a reference to a most imposing but almost unknown monument built by Dewan Poornaiah to honour his patron **Josiah Webbe** of the Madras Council, at the spot very close to Srirangapatna, where a mutiny by British soldiers was crushed by the forces loyal to the Crown.

There is another very intriguing structure that once stood in Srirangapatna that astounded all those who were lucky enough to lay their eyes or set their feet on it but which has now almost disappeared from view. Only a handful old-timers who are alive and bound to be in their nineties now, may have seen it in its original form which it lost when it collapsed, in the year 1938.

The structure I am referring to is the **De Havilland's Arch** which was perhaps more popularly known as the **'Hanging Bridge'** of Srirangapatna. It was built by engineer **Thomas Fiott de Havilland** who was born in Guernsey in April 1775 and went on to join the Madras Army in 1795 as an Assistant Engineer under the then Collector-Engineer **Major Colin Mackenzie.** Being an engineer, de Havilland was interested in buildings and building technology. He toured extensively to study the massive dome of the **Gol Gumbaz in Bijapur, the monuments of Hyderabad and the Brihadeshwara Temple in Thanjavur.** In all these structures, it was the cupola or the dome that struck his eye. He also designed the large, pillar-less hall of our Government House in the year 1805, a date which the beautiful and stately building still bears on its crown. His house in Srirangapatna was at the end of a road which led to the beautiful garden of Tipu Sultan called **The Lalbagh** where most of the British bungalows stood.

Seeing the serene Cauvery flowing nearby, he hit upon the idea of constructing an arched bridge across the river. He was very eager to build it with just five brick and mortar spans across its width where the Wellesley Bridge now stands. The proposal was received with much incredulity by the British administration and, hence, was not encouraged or followed up as it was considered almost outlandish. The idea of a hanging or arched bridge was not welcomed as most people felt that such an incredible feat of engineering was not possible. Thus, the Wellesley Bridge, built by Dewan Poornaiah, despite its rather crude native engineering, overtook de Havilland's dream project, with Poornaiah sending a completion report on 20th June 1804 to **Lord William Bentick,** who was then the Governor of Madras.

Thomas de Havilland however persisted in his efforts to push his project through but the administration did not welcome the expensive idea of a second bridge. To show his prowess he decided to build an experimental arch at his own cost, in his own garden, five years after the **Wellesley Bridge** was completed. He hired native workers from Srirangapatna and the surrounding areas and started working on it. It is said that de Haviland personally inspected the building materials that went into its construction and since it stood in his garden, its daily supervision was not a problem for him. It was actually an experimental bridge and a smaller version of what was supposed to be a bigger structure. He used country-made bricks, lime mortar and other native materials like beaten eggs, plant juices and jaggery for its construction. The bridge took three years to complete and, in the middle of 1808, when it was finished the arch which had a span of a hundred feet became a marvel of that era. Its sobriquet as **The Swinging Bridge** came up as it used to swing up and down about six inches at its centre when people jumped over it.

The bridge survived for nearly 130 years till it collapsed in 1938 and today all that remains of the structure are the two upright pillars and the long, fallen section made of brick and mortar. It is just a short walk from the towering Ranganathaswamy Temple and the Srirangapatna Railway Station but you really have to look for it carefully amid all the thorny bushes that have grown around it.

A photo in the book 'The Prince of Wales' Eastern Book, which is a record of the monarch's visit to India between 1921 and 1922, shows the young Prince standing on the fabled arch and testing its springiness! Incidentally, on 28th July 1921, as part of our Non-Co-operation Movement, the entry into our country of this man who was to become King Edward VIII was boycotted by the Indian National Congress, leading to a law-and-order problem in Bombay! Most notably, he was the man who abdicated his throne and title, after enjoying them for less than a year, to marry his lady love, Wallis Simpson, a commoner and a divorcee.

The story of de Havilland, his hanging bridge and his other accomplishments is no less romantic than any other adventure story. Between 1798 and 1800, de Havilland, who was also an accomplished artist, prepared sketches of Coimbatore, Dindigal and some regions to the West of Thanjavur for the British army. He played a significant role in the British defeat of Tipu Sultan too in 1799.

In 1801, he was sent to Egypt where he surveyed the city of Cairo and the site of the Suez Canal which was to come up nearly fifty years later. On his return journey, he was captured by French pirates but was released unharmed later. In 1805, he was appointed as an engineer to the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force of the **Nizam of Hyderabad** with directions to complete the survey of the Deccan which had been started by his boss Major Colin Mackenzie. In 1808, he married **Elizabeth Saumarez** and settled down first at Srirangapatna and then at Mysore. He took a leading part in the European military officers mutiny of Srirangapatna which was put down by the British with a firm hand. Immediately after the defeat of his co-conspirators, he sought forgiveness and switched sides which ended his brief imprisonment at Bangalore.

The building of his arch was in a way a process of knowledge transfer of native architecture to European minds. By commissioning the experiment of the great arch in his backyard, de Havilland became familiar with a wide range of Indian building methods and indigenous building technology. While the locals prepared the material and built the arch, he watched them closely and recorded the procedures meticulously. The bridge was thus his hands-on learning experience of working with local raw materials like bricks and mortar. He used his expertise gained here to build a massive dome for the **St. Andrews Church** on Mount Road in Madras. de Havilland lived there in a building which later became the Madras Record Office and he called his house **'The Egmore Retreat'** in what is today's Padupet. His wife Elizabeth died in 1816 at the early age of 35 and after a very brief married life of just eight years. She was buried in **St. George's Cathedral Cemetery,** Madras, which was actually a cemetery conceived and built by Havilland himself.

Ironically, she was the first person to be buried there. Her memorial epitaph, penned by a grieving de Havilland himself, poignantly states: **"... the afflicted husband who was forming this cemetery for public use, submitted with pious reverence to the inscrutable ways of Providence, which thus made him her protector in death as in life!" A very sad lament indeed of a man whose loneliness would torment him for a full fifty years, till his own death at Guernsey, his birthplace, in the year 1866!**

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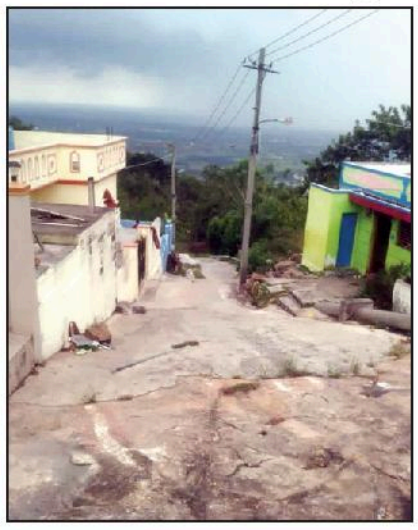
New stone stairway



The old steps from Uthanahalli side that earlier led up to the Hill. Now the stairway is closed for public. Picture right: A view of Nayakara Beedhi atop the Hill which will be linked with new steps.

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The new stairway will have metal railings on both sides of the steps, stone benches and other facilities for the devotees. The stairway will be lit with electricity during nights. The steps will be 10-ft wide and will be uniform from top to bottom. The proposal for the new stairway was initially mooted by Shivanna, the former Dharmadarshi of Chamundi Temple.

Already a stone stairway exists and it was built during Wadiyars rule. But now the stairway is closed for the public and from the foot of the Hill till Uthanahalli, there is dense growth of bushes. "We will use locally available BS slabs and the stone will be dressed to make it look like traditional ones that have been used by the Wadiyars," PWD AE Raghu said.

Wadiyars had constructed old stone stairway to help devotees reach Jwalamukhi Tripura Sundari Temple at Uthanahalli after visiting Chamundeshwari Temple. The new stone stairway will be a new route to walkers and they can climb the existing stairway, have *darshan* of Goddess Chamundeshwari, take the new stairway and reach Jwalamukhi Tripura Sundari Temple at Uthanahalli, Raghu added.

Also, devotees who come from Bengaluru can stop at Uthanahalli on Outer Ring Road (ORR) and reach the Chamundi Temple through the new stairway.

Bus strike enters third day

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Some auto drivers were charging Rs. 200 per head to Mandya, ferrying 5-6 passengers in the vehicle at a time. However, there was some relief for passengers travelling to various destinations in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, as Kerala SRTC and Tamil Nadu STC buses operated as usual.

Meanwhile, employees of Mysuru Division KSRTC staged a demonstration near the Deputy Commissioner's office. They maintained that there was no question of ending the indefinite stir until their demands are met.

Meeting with union leaders ends abruptly

The much anticipated meeting between Transport Minister Lakshman Savadi and KSRTC Trade Union leaders at Bengaluru this morning to break the ice made no headway as Union leaders maintained that they had not called the strike and as such the Minister should hold talks with those who are supporting the strike.

Following this contention of the Trade Union leaders, Savadi was forced to cut short the meeting as he saw no point in continuing with the talks.

KSRTC starts Volvo bus service
from city to Airport at Mandakalli

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Following an appeal from MP Pratap Simha, the KSRTC has introduced Volvo bus service from City Bus Stand (CBS) to Mysore Airport at Mandakalli in accordance with the schedule of flights (inbound and outbound) at the Airport.

Following complaints that taxi drivers were demanding exorbitant fares in the absence of convenient bus service from the city to Airport, with the Mysuru-Mangaluru flight operations having started from Friday, the MP had appealed the KSRTC authorities to reschedule bus timings from the city to the Airport at Mandakalli.

As per the new schedule, Volvo bus will leave CBS for Mandakalli daily at 6.15 am, 9.05 am, 12 noon, 1.45 pm, 2.35 pm, 3.15 pm and 5.50 pm. On its return journey, the bus will leave the Airport daily at 6.50 am, 9.40 am, 12.35 pm, 2.20 pm, 3.10 pm, 3.40 pm and 6.25 pm.

The bus that starts from CBS, will pass through Sub-Urban Bus Stand, J.P. Palace Hotel, Ginger Hotel, Radisson Blue Hotel and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road to reach the Airport at Mandakalli.

The fare (per head) from the Airport to Sri Ganapathy Ashram is Rs. 70, to Radisson Blu Hotel Rs. 70, to Ginger Hotel Rs. 80, J.P. Palace Hotel Rs. 80, KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand Rs. 100 and City Bus Stand Rs. 100.

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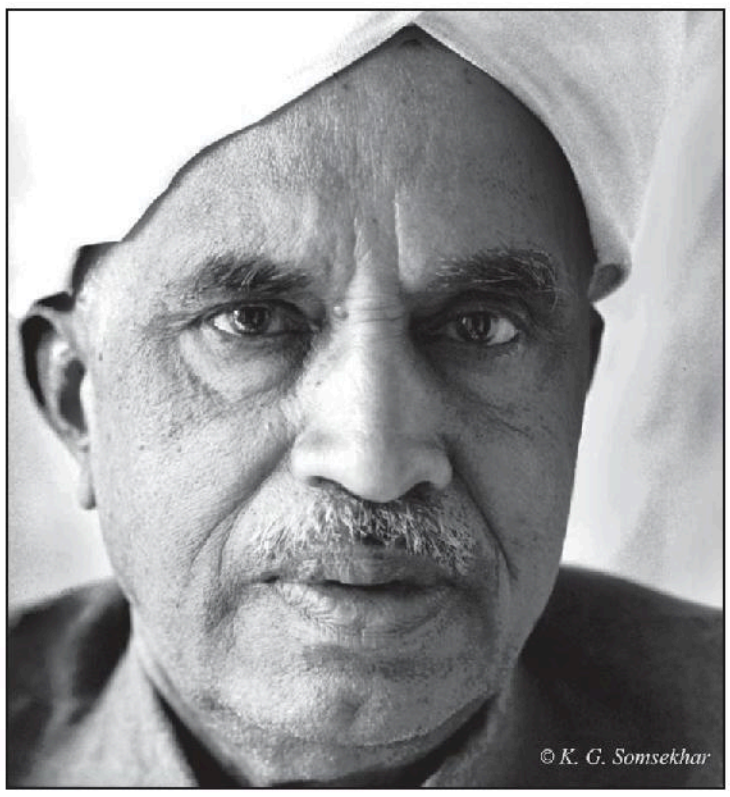
Mysore Memories...

Kannada Literature's Gentle Giant

He was the very personification of gentlemanly behaviour, of genteel manners and warm affection. A gifted poet, an accomplished writer, a voracious reader, sharp but well meaning critic, able editor and translator, — V. Seetharamaiah was all of these and more. A generation of students who came under his wings remember him as a literary colossus in his own right — a sentiment shared by readers to this day. D.V. Gundappa described him as Goodness itself. Here is a small tribute to this gentle giant of Kannada literature V. Seetharamaiah. —Ed



Venkataramaiah Seetharamaiah (Vi. Si.)

By Dr. S.N. Bhagirath

Venkataramaiah Seetharamaiah (Vi. Si.) was born in Budhigere village, Devanahalli on 2nd October, 1899 to parents Venkataramaiah and Doddavenkamma. His parents were a devout couple and his father conducted priestly rituals for a living at Bangalore. Till the age of six, Vi. Si. was raised by his grandmother at Devanahalli. Afterwards, he was sent to Bangalore for his schooling. He attended the Municipal and Anglo-Vernacular Schools at Bangalore, where he got a double promotion. T.P. Kailasam, K.V. Iyer and C.S. Venkatachar were his classmates during these school years. He completed his Intermediate in 1916. He would later remember with fondness teachers like Pandit Jayarama Venkatacharya and Doddabele Narayana Sastry from these formative years.

In his later memoirs, he recollects with some nostalgia and fascination, how he was genuinely impressed with the oratorical skills of Right Honourable Srinivas Sastri who happened to visit his school for a lecture. In addition to his impeccable English, his large turban and imposing stature had captured young Vi. Si.'s imagination! Vi. Si. also recollected attending concerts by great musicians like Veena Seshanna, Bidaram Krishnappa and Mysore Vasudevachar and art exhibits by renowned artists like M. Venkatappa and A.V. Varadachar during these years.

After finishing school, many of his seniors routinely set sail to either Madras or Pune for higher education. Sadly, Vi. Si. could afford neither. Fortunately for him, University of Mysore (UoM) had just then come into existence and Mysore was well within his reach. Vi. Si. took the entrance exam at Bangalore. One of the exam valuers J. Tate is rumoured to have remarked thus while correcting Vi. Si.'s English papers: *"Not bad, pull the young fellow's nose and ask him to write simpler English & keep his sentences shorter."* (This was high praise indeed!). Vi. Si. passed this entrance exam and gained admission to UoM. In fact, he holds the rare distinction of being in the very first batch of the nascent University!

University years

Seetharamaiah completed his Bachelor's degree (B. A.) at UoM in 1920. His chosen subjects were Political Science, Philosophy and Economics. Upon completion of his Bachelor's degree, he was awarded 'Sir Seshadri Gold Medal' for highest marks in Economics. His teachers in B. A. included M. Hiriyanna and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Even though he had a keen interest and aptitude for Philosophy and Political Science, Vi. Si. ended up choosing Economics as his main subject for his Master's degree. The reason for this was two-fold — 'Economics' as a subject had a far greater likelihood of earning him a scholarship and secondly, entering the Economics Department would mean coming under the tutelage of Prof. N.S. Subba Rao at Maharaja's College.

Subba Rao was an alumnus of Cambridge University where he had studied Economics alongside J.M. Keynes under the eminent Economist of his times Alfred Marshall. Subba Rao's reputation as a sound economist and able teacher had already spread far and wide. Vi. Si. succeeded in this endeavour and joined M.A. course under Prof. Subba Rao.

Unfortunately, this departure from Philosophy did not go down well with either Hiriyanna or Radhakrishnan. In fact, Radhakrishnan is rumoured to have remarked thus: *"Look at this fellow. He has deserted us for Economics. He has prostituted his intellect!"* Of course, both Hiriyanna and Radhakrishnan meant well for Vi. Si. but were nonetheless sorry to see a student of his calibre stray away from their field.

During these years at the University, Vi. Si. worked many a job on the side to make ends meet. During his B.A. years, he worked at Mysore Government's Education Department. During his M.A. years, he worked for a brief period at Sarada Vilas High School as a Kannada teacher. He completed his M.A. in 1922. In his later memoir, he describes Maharaja's College as ***"Oxford of Karnataka"*** and his years there in the words of William Wordsworth: *"Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive. But to be young was very heaven."*

Some of the other faculty members during this period included Principal - C.R. Reddy; Philosophy - A. R. Wadia; English - J.C. Rollo, B.M. Srikantaiah and Macintosh; Kannada lecturers - Kanakanahalli Varadachar and B. Krishnappa. Vi. Si. also came in contact with T. S. Venkannayya, A. R. Krishna Shastry and Ralapalli Ananta Krishna Sharma during these years. These treasured glimpses into UoM's glory days found ample mention in Vi. Si.'s later book *"Collegu Dinagalu"* published in 1971.

Short stint at Bombay

After his University education at Mysore, Vi. Si. set sail for Bombay to study for a L. L. B. degree (Law). During these years, he penned many of his first Kannada poems and works of prose. He used to mail them to A.R. Krishna Shastry, who was then Editor of *'Prabuddha Karnataka'* at UoM. When Krishna Shastry offered to publish his poems, Vi. Si. shot back a letter prohibiting any such exercise! Shastry was not one to relent easily. He kept prodding Vi. Si. for more of his poems and writings and his permission to publish them. Vi. Si. finally relented. Unbeknownst to him, A. R. Krishna Shastry shortened V. Seetharamaiah to Vi. Si. and published his first poem in *'Prabuddha Karnataka'*. This 'pen name' (Vi. Si.) would come to represent the doyen of Kannada poetry for decades to come!

[To be continued tomorrow]

Maharaja's College Group Photo: *(sitting on chairs from left)* ***S. Srikanta Sastri, M.R. Varadachar, Pattankar Chandrashekar Bhat, Lakshminarasimaiah, K.V. Puttappa (Kuvempu), A.R. Krishna Shastry, Ralapalli Anantha Krishna Sharma, V. Seetharamaiah, Name Unknown, Name Unknown, S.V. Ratnam;*** *(standing first row from left)* ***T.S. Shamarao, Name Unknown, Name Unknown, V. Raghavachar, K.S. Krishnamurthy, K.Venkataramappa, Name Unknown, Name Unknown, Name Unknown, Name Unknown, C. Mahadevappa, N. Anantarangachar.***

Allow alumni to run Varsities: Prof. Rangappa

Distinguished Alumni awards presented to eight achievers

*The eight achievers from different fields who were conferred with Distinguished Alumni Awards by the University of Mysore Alumni Association (UMAA) during the 3rd Global Alumni Meet at Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, Hunsur Road, in city yesterday — (sitting from left) **Prof. M.K. Surappa (Science), Dr. T.M. Manjunath (Agriculture), Prof. C.P. Krishnakumar (Literature), Air Marshal K. Ramasundara (Engineering), Dr. B. Ramana Rao (Medicine), Dr. Pushpa Kuttanna (Sports), Shivamurthy Keelara (NRI-Social Service) and Dr. M. Dharma Prasad (NRI-Entrepreneurship) — are seen with** (standing from left) **UMAA Life Members K.S. Nagaraju & Dr. Chaitra Bharath, Special Invitee Prof. C. Naganna, UMAA Vice-President N. Niranjan Nikam, Vasanthi Thimakapura, UMAA President Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor of Kashmir, Pondicherry and Chennai's B.S.A. Universities Prof. J.A.K. Tareen, UMAA Secretary Dr. Nandini Murthy, University of Mysore Vice- Chancellor and Ex-Officio Chairperson Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, University of Mysore Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, UMAA Treasurer Prof. R.N. Padmanabha, UMAA Vice- President Prof. H. M. Vasanthamma, UMAA Executive Committee Member Prof. K.T. Veerappa, UMAA Joint Secretary Dr. M.S. Sapna, Prasad Bahadur and ICT Committee Dr. R. Deepu.***

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&SSV)- Bemoaning neglect of Universities, Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM) and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), wanted the alumni to run Varsities, a practice being widely followed in the Western world.

He was speaking as a guest of honour at the 3rd Global Alumni Meet organised by University of Mysore Alumni Association (UMAA) at Rani Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences in city yesterday.

Prof. Rangappa said today, the Varsities were not wanted by anybody including Government, political parties and politicians. Though UoM had been the sixth best Varsity in the country, still it was being neglected by the Government. Nearly 75 percent of posts in the UoM are vacant. Politicians put pressure on the VCs to appoint a fresh M.Sc graduate as lecturer without understanding whether the PG candidate can take classes or not.

He said it had become very difficult for the VCs to work independently due to interference of politicians and political parties in the last 15 years.

In Western world, Varsities were run by alumni and such a system was required here in the interest of development of Universities. A kind of suffocating atmosphere was prevailing in Varsities which was preventing the VCs from discharging their duty rightfully. All Research and Development activities have come to a standstill in the Varsity. Even salary was not paid on time to employees. Under these circumstances, it was hard to imagine how students from rural areas can afford to pay hefty fees to pursue higher education, he added.

Appreciating the functioning of UMAA, Prof. Rangappa said the Association was started in 1999 and it had grown in a big way in the last 21 years thanks to his patronage as the VC of this Varsity. UMAA Past President K. Arkesh was actively involved in its growth. "I had the opportunity to meet Bahadur in USA while attending AKKA conference, and requested him to sponsor at least 50 Fellowships in the fields of Arts, Commerce and Science. However, it did not happen due to some reasons. However, I will pursue it with him," he said.

Prof. J.A.K.Tareen, former Vice-Chancellor, Kashmir and Pondicherry Universities, who was the chief guest, said today's youths were engrossed in mobile phones and not aware of importance of relationship. The old generation would think about others and the current generation would bother only about self. The youths would be always busy in their mobile phones and don't interact with anyone except saying 'Hi' and 'bye'. This was a dangerous trend and it would spoil relationship, he observed.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, presided. UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, UMAA President Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimkapura and Distinguished Alumni Awards Committee Chairman and Vice-President of UMAA, N. Niranjan Nikam were present.

As part of the meet, Distinguished Alumni awards were presented to eight achievers from different fields. They are: Prof. C.P. Krishnakumar (Literature), Air Marshal K. Ramasundara (Engineering), Dr. T.M. Manjunath (Agriculture), Dr. B. Ramana Rao (Medicine), Prof. M.K. Surappa (Science), Dr. Pushpa Kuttanna (Sports), Shivamurthy Keelara (NRI-Social Service) and Dr. M. Dharma Prasad (NRI-Entrepreneurship).

Gram Panchayat elections

7,416 out of 7,684 nominations in district found in order

Mysuru, Dec.13 (SBD&DM)- The scrutiny of nomination papers filed for the first phase of Gram Panchayat (GP) polls was held yesterday.

After the scrutiny, it was found that out of the 7,684 nomination papers filed in the district, 7,416 were found in order, while 268 others were rejected on various grounds.

The first phase of GP polls is scheduled to take place on Dec. 22. Five taluks of the district — Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, H.D. Kote and Saragur, will go to the polls in the first phase.

Out of the 7,416 nomination papers that were accepted, 2,014 nominations were for 595 seats in 41 GPs of Hunsur taluk, 1,745 for 562 seats in 34 GPs of K.R. Nagar taluk, 1,755 for 549 seats in 34 GPs of Periyapatna taluk, 1,286 for 407 seats in 26 GPs of H.D. Kote taluk and 616 for 190 seats in 13 GPs of Saragur taluk.

Second phase

Meanwhile, the filing of nomination papers for the second phase of GP polls scheduled to take place on Dec. 27, began on Dec. 11 and will continue till Dec. 16. A total of 102 GPs in Mysuru, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur taluks of the district will go to the polls in the second phase. Till Saturday, a total of 812 nomination papers were filed, including 166 in Mysuru taluk, 163 in T. Narasipur taluk and 483 in Nanjangud taluk.

The counting of votes will be taken up on Dec. 30.

DC issues DO's and DON'Ts for candidates

Rohini Sindhuri

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (SBD& SSV)- District Administration has issued certain guidelines for the candidates who are contesting in the upcoming Gram Panchayat (GP) polls with a view to conduct elections in a free and fair manner.

In a press release here, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has said that candidates are not permitted to hold political meetings or functions or use the flag or the symbol of any political party. Since the election was held apolitical, the political leaders must not introduce the candidates as their candidates or party sponsored candidates at the time of campaigning. Candidates must not use the photographs of political leaders or symbol in handbills and distribute it to voters. Banners, buntings, cut-outs having the pictures or political leaders and the party symbols are strictly banned, she said.

Rohini said that candidates must not use the pictures of political leaders or party symbols while releasing advertisements in print or visual media. In case of violation of these rules, the publicity materials will be confiscated as well as stern action will be initiated. The GP polls would be held apolitical and the candidates were given the symbol of their choice, she noted.

Animal adoption continues

Mysuru, Dec. 13- *Let's Do It! Mysore*, Mysuru, organisation has adopted Golden Jackal, Mouse Deer and Indian Cobra of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' Scheme for a period of one year (10.12.2020 to 9.12.2021) by paying the adoption fee of Rs. 29,500, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Contraband

Pronunciation: KAHN-truh-band.
Meaning: Illegal or prohibited traffic in goods : smuggling; goods or merchandise whose importation, exportation, or possession is forbidden; a slave who during American Civil War escaped to or was brought within the Union lines.
Origin: Contraband first appeared in English in the early 1500s as a borrowing of Italian contrabbando. This Italian word can be traced to the Medieval Latin word contrabannum, a combination of contra- ("against") and bannum ("decree"). Bannum is Germanic in origin and is related to Old High German bannan ("to command"). Bannan is also related to Middle English bannen ("to summon or to curse"), the source of the English verb ban, which now means "to prohibit" but which once also meant "to curse."
Example: Officers searched the car for weapons, drugs and other contraband.

THE ODD WORD

Vagantes

Wandering monk-scholars.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A nest of vipers

Meaning: A group of iniquitous people, congregating together.
Origin: 'A nest of vipers' is a figurative term but it isn't very far removed from the literal meaning. Calling someone a 'snake' has long been an insult in English. This derives from the ingratitude or treachery displayed by the snake in Aesop's fable The farmer and the snake, in which the snake was rescued from freezing to death by a farmer, only to mortally bite him when it recovered. The secretive habits of snakes also gave rise to a reputation for lurking danger and to suspiciousness. Vipers - also called adders - were especially singled out as despicable because they were, unlike other English snakes, poisonous. To call someone a viper was to insult them considerably. This form of insult dates back at least to the 16th century. William Tyndale used 'vipers' as a figurative insult in his 1526 Bible, in Matthew 3: He sayde vnto them: O generacion of vipers, who hath taught you to fle from the vengeaunce to come?
Not long afterwards Robert Greene used the term even more forcibly in The Art of Conny Catching, 1591: These villanous vipers, vnworthy the name of men, base roagues,... being outcasts from God, vipers of the world, and an excremental reuersion of sin. Groups of people, usually those of villainous intent, were called 'nests' from around the same period. The first documented occurrence of the two terms combined to form 'a nest of vipers' was in 1644, when a pamphlet that criticised a group of plotters who were planning treason against the English Parliament was titled A Nest of Perfidious Vipers.

QUOTE BOX

To control the mind with force is like putting a viper in a basket.

—Charan Singh

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Play hard to get.

SUDOKU

			8	9	7			
7								4
	5						8	
6		5	4		1	2		8
	8						3	
3		7	6		5	1		9
	7						9	
8								2
			1	7	4			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	1	8	7	2	6	5	3
7	8	6	5	9	3	4	1	2
3	2	5	6	4	1	9	8	7
1	5	9	3	6	4	7	2	8
8	7	2	1	5	9	3	4	6
6	4	3	7	2	8	5	9	1
9	3	7	2	8	5	1	6	4
5	1	8	4	3	6	2	7	9
2	6	4	9	1	7	8	3	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

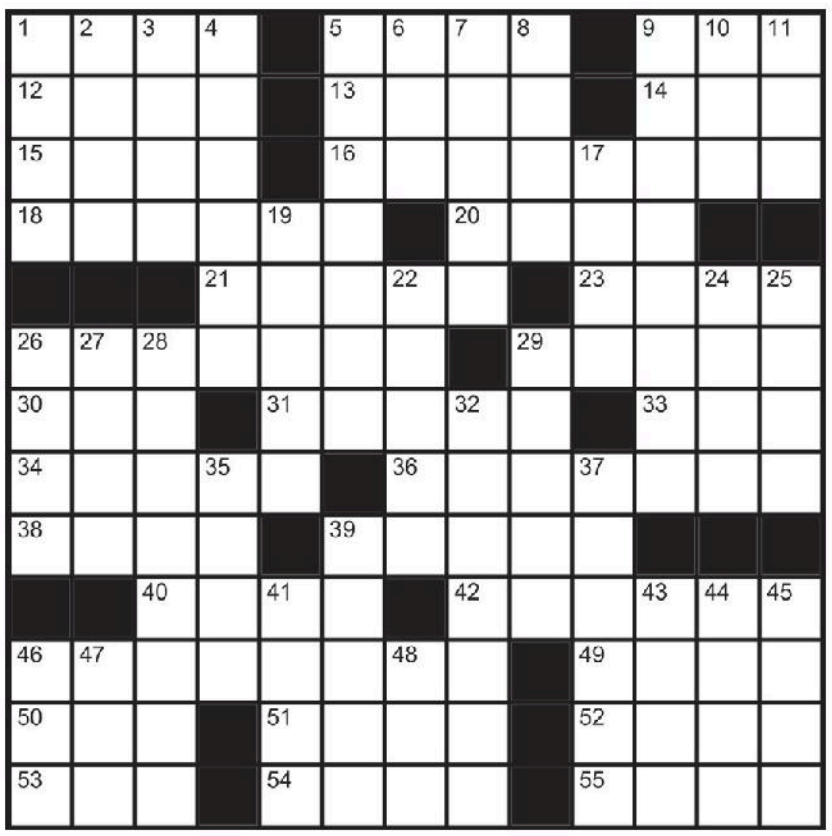
1 Executive's missive
5 Small medicine bottle
9 Policeman
12 Small island
13 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
14 Kyushu mountain
15 In a clean and orderly state
16 Gifted
18 Suave, bland
20 An extent of land
21 Value for money?
23 Maple genus?
26 Large American lizards
29 Came up
30 "S" in SF the city
31 Make into a law or perform on stage
33 Floor covering
34 Middle
36 Oblique equilateral parallelogram?
38 Stride
39 9/11 mastermind
40 Feels remorse for
42 Theatre employees
46 Weird or hideous?
49 Mosque leader
50 New as a prefix
51 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
52 Deep mud
53 To pull hard
54 English batsman ___ Morgan
55 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	D	A	S		K	E	A	S		F	R	Y
P	A	L	P		E	M	M	A		E	I	A
U	S	T	A		F	U	L	L	S	T	O	P
S	H	I	R	R			A	M	I	T		
			R	A	C	Y		I	N	E	R	T
D	I	N	O	S	A	U	R			R	O	I
A	V	O	W		T	S	O		P	E	S	O
N	O	V			S	U	B	S	I	D	E	S
F	R	E	C	T		F	E	E	L			
		M	O	O	S			A	G	R	E	E
E	M	B	O	L	I	S	M		R	I	E	L
L	I	E		L	A	D	E		I	L	L	S
F	I	R		S	M	U	G		M	E	S	A

DOWN

1 Bill of fare
2 Ogler or viewer
3 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
4 Capital city of Canada
5 Old soldier
6 Irish Republican Army, acronym
7 The God of Islam
8 Ogle or stare at
9 Underground cemetery
10 Sugar suffix
11 Seed vessel
17 At hand
19 Group of nine
22 Former Russian rulers
24 Jacob's twin in the Old Testament
25 Exposes flax or hemp to moisture?
26 Doctrines, colloquially speaking
27 Carriage
28 Likely loser
29 Minute particles
32 Chetan or Rajesh of Indian cricket
35 Goad a horse
37 Ms Chaudhary of Bollywood
39 Bone prefix
41 One in Bonn
43 Give off
44 Like that underdone steak?
45 The friendly pirate in 'Peter Pan'
46 Tolkien's tree like creature
47 Rumanian coin
48 Greek X



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FCN YBNDFNXF AJWSTPAFX DBN WJF ONFLNNW FLJ

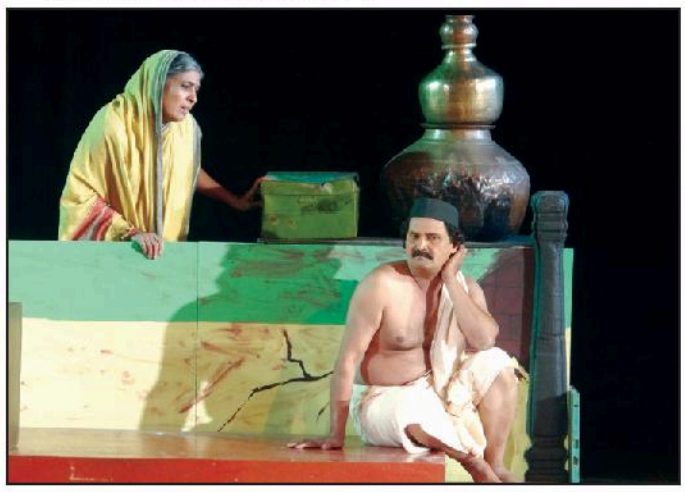
VNJVTN OKF ONFLNNW JWN VNBXJW DWE CPQXNTS.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you can solve your problem, then what is the need of worrying? If you cannot solve it, then what is the use of worrying?

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 13)

- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike:** 14th year music concert in memory of Keerthishesha Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana, conferring of the title 'Nadalaya Visharada' on renowned Hindusthani vocalist Pt. Indhudhar Nirodi, instrument ensemble Nadalaya Sinchana by Layam consisting of artistes Vid. M.L. Vadiraj on mridanga, Vid. B.S. Raghunandan on ghata, Vid. Vijayanand on morching, Vid. Rakesh Dattha on flute and Vid. M.D. Arjun on violin, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Weekend Show, staging of play 'Chirebandi Vade,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Ratna Pakshi,' School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**



A scene from the play 'Chirebandi Vade.'

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 14)

- **Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL):** Workshop commemorating National Energy Conservation Day, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **K.K. Hebbar Art Foundation:** Airing of radio serial titled 'Kala Tapaswi K.K. Hebbar' produced by K.K. Hebbar Art Foundation on FM Rainbow 101.3Mhz and All India Radio (AIR), **2.02 pm to 2.07 pm.** [Mob: 98452-44756]
- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike:** 14th year music concert in memory of Keerthishesha Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana, Karnatak vocal concert by Vidu. M.R. Sudha, accompanied by Dr. Veena Suresh on violin, Vidu. Kanchana Eashwara Bhat on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/MridangammaestroPGL/*]
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha - Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment:** Jnana Varidhi-2 Digital Lecture Programme, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Cardiologist Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri speaks on 'Health-Culture,' [YouTube: *http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline*; Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP* or *http://jssonline.org*]

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	(S-2)	10.50 am
	(S-3)	1.25 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Indoo Ki Jawani (H)	(S-1)	7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	11 am, 1.40 pm, 4.15 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
		9.55 pm
Corona Virus (Te)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Sadhane Shikara (K)		
Pursoth Rama (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm, 4.40 pm

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Indoo Ki Jawani (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 1.20 pm
		4.10 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Tenet (E)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 2.05 pm
		5.30 pm, 9.00
	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Act-1978 (K)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Corona Virus (Te)	(S-3)	1.55 pm
Sadhane Shikara (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Pursoth Rama (K)	(S-3)	6.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Winners of State-level Inter-Deemed Universities Chess Tournament

The winning students** — (sitting from left) **P. Shet Prajwal, Arjun Matathil, Dr. Goudam and Prabath** — are seen with (standing from left) **Lokeshappa, Physical and Cultural Director, Pradeep, AAO, JSS Medical College, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director (Academics), Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, Dr. M.N. Suma, Vice-Principal JSS Medical College and Doreswamy.

Mysuru, Dec. 13- The Chess team of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, emerged winners in the State-level Inter-Deemed University Online Chess Tournament organised by JSS AHER along with Legends Chess Academy.

The Tournament had 32 participants from six Universities and was conducted both in team and individual formats.

P. Shet Prajwal secured the highest points and was declared winner in the individual category followed by Arjun Matathil, both from JSS Medical College, Mysuru.

Team of JSS AHER, consisting of Prajwal, Arjun, Prabath and Dr. Goudam, emerged winners in the team event.

Manipal Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHE) were the runners-up.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Igor Angulo nets winner as Goa sinks Odisha to enter top four

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Today's Matches (Dec. 13)

NORTHEAST UNITED
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Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **5.00 pm**

BENGALURU FC
Vs
KERALA BLASTERS
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 14)

MUMBAI CITY
Vs
JAMSHEDPUR
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

ODISHA - 0
lose to
GOA - 1

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Igor Angulo (FC Goa) charges behind the ball.

Bambolim, Dec. 13- FC Goa moved into the top four in the 2020-21 Hero ISL standings after a 1-0 win over Odisha FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim yesterday. Igor Angulo scored the only goal of the game in first-half stoppage time.

Even though he couldn't score a goal on the night, Jorge Mendoza was a lively presence on the pitch. He peppered Odisha's goal throughout the game and got into dangerous positions. Mendoza finished the game with 87 touches of the ball, four shots on target and created one chance. He also worked hard in defence and made one successful tackle, one successful interception and one block. Hence, was conferred with the title 'Hero of the Match.'

AWARDS

Hero of the Match: Jorge Mendoza (FC Goa); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Alexander Jesuraj (FC Goa).

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